

*The Congressman praised the girls' hard work and dedication*

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Media, Pa – Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) helped celebrate the achievement of young Seventh District residents by welcoming four Girl Scout Gold Award recipients and their families to his District Office today. The Congressman offered his congratulations by awarding Congressional citations to each Girl Scout. Girl Scouts in attendance were Natalie Bank (West Chester), Ashley Baugher (Malvern), Laura Maniscalco (Havertown), and Kayla Rossi (Aston).

“Organizations like the Girl Scouts help instill the important values of responsibility, compassion and service early on to develop the character of each participant,” said the Congressman. “I was proud to award citations to the Girl Scouts who worked so hard to earn their Gold Award. Their vision of a better future and motivation to act on it is truly a model for all young citizens across America.”

The Gold Award is the highest level that a Girl Scout age 14-18 can reach, with 5,500 girls achieving the award last year. Among other requirements, scouts are expected to develop and put into action an original project that will serve and better their local, national or global community. Congressman Sestak, who also recently acknowledged the achievement of local Boy Scout Eagle Scout recipients, thanked the girls for their development of innovative projects and dedication to the betterment of their communities.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.*